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1. GENERAL BIN SHAKER TOLD US EVENING JULY 11 THAT SAUDI PRINCE TURKI HAS AGAIN BEEN IN TOUCH ABOUT JOINT JORDANIAN-SAUDI CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR YEMEN. HE ASKED FOR JORDANIAN COOPERATION AND BIN SHAKER WILL PROBABLY SEND A GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT OFFICER AND ONE MILITARY MAN TO JIDDA SHORTLY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE FURTHER. BIN SHAKER SAW THE SAUDI REQUEST AS A BREAKTHROUGH ON AN IDEA WHICH HUSSEIN HAS LONG PROPOSED TO SAUDIS--JOINT CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR THE GULF. SHAKER BELIEVES GID OFFICER WILL BE MORE POLITICALLY AWARE THAN ONE OF HIS OWN SOLDIERS.

2. ON FAREWELL CALL, COURT MINISTER, FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF, AND GULF EXPERT FOR HUSSEIN, AMER KHAMMASH TOLD US THAT JORDAN CONSIDERED SOME SORT OF TRILATERAL, U.S., JORDAN, SAUDI COOPERATION WAS NECESSARY TO MEET THE
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CHALLENGE NOW BEING POSED IN THE PENINSULA BY EVENTS IN YEMEN.

3. SIMILARLY, SAUDI AMBASSADOR AS-SULTAN HAS RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR CONCERN ABOUT GULF AND PENINSULA DEVELOPMENTS AND ASKED THAT U.S. DO ALL POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT SAUDI SECURITY. PICKERING

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